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THE GENIE WITH THE LIGHT BROWN HAIR!
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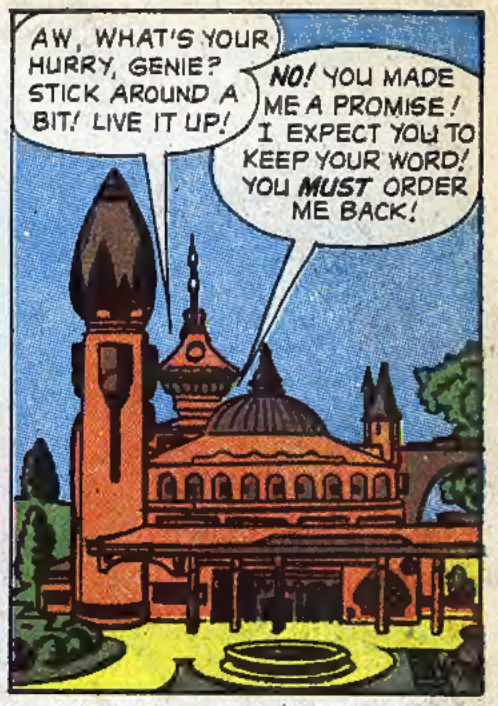
MOST HOBOES ARE HONEST AND CAREFREE, BUT MIKE MORGAN'S DIFFERENT! HIS HEART IS AS CRUEL AS HIS FEATURES!
I SAID I WANT YOUR FOOD, SQUIRT!
NO! IT'S MY CHOW! YOU GOT NO RIGHT TO IT, MIKE!
WHY, YOU LITTLE PUNK-- THIS'LL LEARN YA TO SAY "NO" TO MIKE MORGAN!
OWW!!
ANYONE ELSE WANNA STAND UP TO ME?
N-NO, MIKE!
YOU CAN HAVE ALL OUR FOOD, MIKE! W-WE AIN'T HUNGRY!
BUT, OF COURSE, WHEN MIKE IS CALLED UPON FOR CHARITY...
HOW'S ABOUT SHARIN' A LITTLE OF YOUR COFFEE WITH ME, MIKE?
SCRAM, BUM!
NOW THAT WE KNOW THE TYPE OF GUY MIKE MORGAN IS, WE MAY ENJOY SEEING HOW HE'S GOING TO END UP!
HEY! LOOKA THAT BOTTLE! THERE'S SOMETHING IN IT!
HOLY TOLEDO!! IT'S A--A REAL LIVE GENIE!!
SUDDENLY, MIKE'S THOUGHTS RACE BACK TO THE FAIRY TALES HE READ AS A CHILD!
WHO-EVER FINDS THE GENIE AND LETS HIM OUTA THE BOTTLE, GETS THREE WISHES GRANTED TO HIM!

I AIN'T NEVER PASSED UP A CHANCE TO GET SOMETHING FOR NOTHING, AND I'M NOT GONNA START NOW! GET READY, GENIE--MIKE MORGAN IS SETTIN' YOU FREE!
THERE HE GOES!
WHOOSH!
OKAY, GENIE, YOU'RE LOOSE! NOW HERE ARE MY THREE WISHES! I WANNA BE YOUNG AGAIN! I WANNA BE HANDSOME! AND I WANNA BE RICH--REAL RICH!
YOU MAY WANT ALL THAT, MORTAL, BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET IT!
HUH? WHATTA YA MEAN? I TURNED YOU LOOSE, DIDN'T I? WELL, NOW, YOU GOTTA GRANT ME THREE WISHES OUTA GRATITUDE!
GRATITUDE? BAH, I'M NOT GRATEFUL! I WANTED TO REMAIN IN THE BOTTLE! I LIKED IT IN THERE! IT WAS PEACEFUL AND QUIET! OUT HERE, THE WORLD IS NOISY AND FILLED WITH HUMANS WHOM I DETEST!
BUT NOW THAT YOU'VE FREED ME, I'M STUCK OUT HERE, UNTIL YOU RELEASE ME! SO HURRY UP--COMMAND ME TO RETURN TO THE BOTTLE!
NOT ON YOUR LIFE, BROTHER! I AIN'T SENDING YOU INTO THAT BOTTLE UNTIL YOU GIMME MY THREE WISHES!
WHY, YOU MISERABLE MORTAL--YOU DARE TO BLACKMAIL ME? I'LL--I'LL PULVERIZE YOU!
SURE--SURE! YOU CAN HURT ME! BUT THEN YOU'LL NEVER GET BACK INTO THE BOTTLE, CAUSE I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAY THE WORD TO RETURN YA!
HMM...YOU'RE RIGHT! WITHOUT YOU, I'M DOOMED TO REMAIN FOREVER IN THIS WORLD OF LOATHSOME HUMANS!
VERY WELL, MORTAL, I'LL GRANT YOU THREE WISHES--BUT THEN YOU MUST RETURN ME TO THE BOTTLE!
SURE! SURE! IT'S A DEAL!

IF I RECALL CORRECTLY, YOUR FIRST WISH WAS FOR YOUTH, WAS IT NOT?
YOU'RE BLAMED RIGHT! I WANNA BE YOUNG AGAIN! I WANNA BE 20 YEARS OLD!
SO BE IT!
IT HAPPENED! LOOKA MY HANDS-- MY FACE! I'M--I'M YOUNG AGAIN!
AND YOUR SECOND WISH WAS TO BE HANDSOME?
YEAH! HURRY UP! MAKE ME HAND-- HEY!!
SO BE IT!!
AM I--DID YA-- TELL ME! TELL ME QUICK!!
YOU MAY REJOICE! YOUR FACE WOULD NOW MAKE APOLLO HIMSELF GREEN WITH ENVY!
AND NOW FOR YOUR FINAL WISH--WEALTH! YOU SHALL BE RICH BEYOND YOUR WILDEST DREAMS!
I'M IN A CASTLE-- LOADED WITH DOUGH... SURROUNDED BY GORGEOUS DAMES! IT'S WONDERFUL! WONDERFUL! HA! HA! HA!

BOY, WHAT A SETUP! I'VE GOT IT MADE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!
I HAVE DONE AS YOU REQUESTED! AND NOW IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO GRANT MY WISH-- TO SEND ME BACK INTO THE BOTTLE!

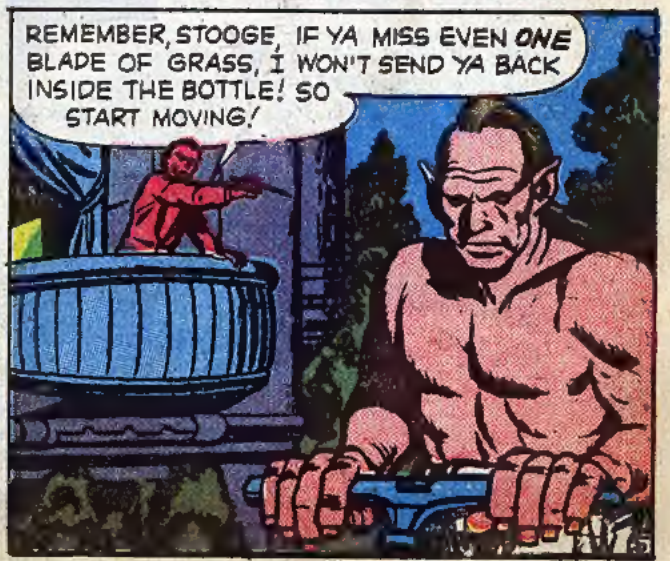

AW, WHAT'S YOUR HURRY, GENIE? STICK AROUND A BIT! LIVE IT UP!
NO! YOU MADE ME A PROMISE! I EXPECT YOU TO KEEP YOUR WORD! YOU MUST ORDER ME BACK!

BUT YOUTH, LOOKS AND RICHES HAVEN'T ALTERED MIKE'S CHARACTER IN THE LEAST! HE'S STILL AS CRUEL AND SELFISH AS HE CAN BE!
NOW THAT I GOT WHAT I WANT OUTA YOU, I AIN'T SENDING YOU NO-WHERE TILL I'M GOOD AND READY! I CAN USE A STOOGE LIKE YOU!
WHAT? YOU DARE INSULT ME?!!

SHADDUP, CRUMB! I'M RUNNING THIS SHOW-- AND YOU BETTER DO EVERYTHING I TELL YOU OR YOU'LL NEVER SEE THE INSIDE OF THAT BOTTLE AGAIN! NOW START SHINING MY SHOES!
WHY, YOU-- YOU--

BUT THE GENIE IS HELPLESS! HE KNOWS HIS ONLY CHANCE OF LEAVING THE WORLD OF HUMANS DEPENDS UPON MIKE MORGAN! AND SO...
THAT'S IT, GENIE... MAKE 'EM SPARKLE! HA! HA! HA!

AND AFTER THE FIRST HUMILIATION, MIKE THINKS OF MANY, MANY MORE!
FASTER! FASTER! HA! HA!


REMEMBER, STOOGE, IF YA MISS EVEN ONE BLADE OF GRASS, I WON'T SEND YA BACK INSIDE THE BOTTLE! SO START MOVING!

BUT FINALLY, SEEING THAT THE GENIE IS NO LONGER PROTESTING, MIKE MORGAN GROWS WEARY OF HIS MEAN LITTLE GAME! AND SO...
I'M TIRED OF LOOKING AT YOUR UGLY FACE, SO I'M SENDING YOU BACK INTO YOUR BOTTLE NOW!
AT LAST! AT LONG LAST! BUT BEFORE YOU COMMAND ME, WILL YOU DO ME ONE FINAL FAVOR?
THAT DEPENDS -- STOOGE!
IT'S SO LONELY IN THE BOTTLE! MAY I TAKE ANOTHER HUMAN WITH ME FOR COMPANY?
SURE, WHAT DO I CARE? TAKE WHOEVER YOU WANT! JUST GET OUT OF MY SIGHT! GET BACK INTO THAT BOTTLE!
NOW, DOLL... WHERE WERE WE?
SO BE IT!!
HEY! WHA--? OH, NO! YOU DIDN'T!! YOU COULDN'T!
BUT IT'S ALL TOO CLEAR THAT THE FANTASTIC GENIE COULD... AND DID!
YOU GAVE ME PERMISSION TO BRING ANOTHER HUMAN INTO THE BOTTLE WITH ME, DIDN'T YOU? WELL, THAT'S JUST WHAT I'VE DONE! NO MORE! NO LESS!
BUT I--I DIDN'T KNOW YOU'D PICK ME! N-NOT ME!
DON'T WORRY, HUMAN! YOU'LL BE ABLE TO LEAVE HERE WHEN I SAY THE WORD! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ASK ME!
... BUT FIRST, TAKE A GUESS WHAT MY ANSWER WILL BE--STOOGE!
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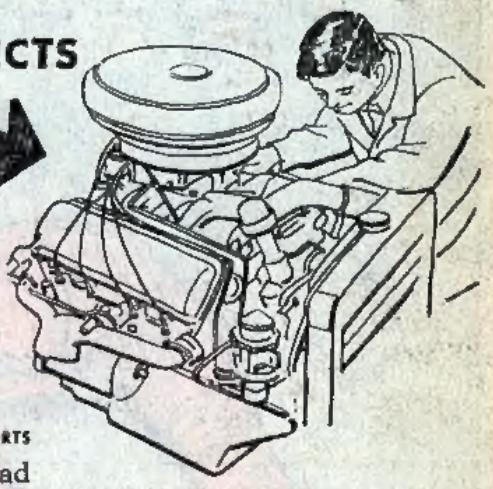

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MIND OVER MATTER!
WHEN IS A PERSON NOT A PERSON?? GIVE UP? PERHAPS WE CAN SUPPLY THE ANSWER ON THESE PAGES...
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IT IS WRITTEN THAT CENTURIES AGO A VILLAINOUS THIEF WAS EXPELLED FROM A SMALL VILLAGE IN THE HIMALAYAN MOUNTAINS...
IF WE EVER CATCH YOU STEALING AGAIN, WE WILL HAVE YOUR LIFE!
AS THE FUGITIVE JOURNEYED THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS, HE CAME UPON A FELLOW TRAVELER--A LAMA!
SINCE WE ARE TRAVELING IN THE SAME DIRECTION, WHY DO WE NOT WALK TOGETHER?
ALL RIGHT!
THE THIEF HAD NEVER BEFORE MET A MYSTIC, AND HIS CURIOSITY WAS AROUSED!
THIS ART OF YOGA YOU MENTIONED, YOU SAY IT GIVES YOU GREAT POWERS??
YES, UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF YOGA, I CAN DO THINGS OTHER MEN CANNOT!
I CAN LIE ON A BED OF NAILS WITHOUT FEELING PAIN!
"I CAN MAKE A ROPE RISE IN THE AIR!"
"I CAN HOLD MY BREATH AND STILL MY HEART FOR HOURS AT A TIME!"
SUCH POWERS AS YOU DESCRIBE ARE BEYOND BELIEF!
BUT INCREDIBLE AS THEY SEEM, THEY ARE AS NOTHING COMPARED TO THE GREATEST POWER OF ALL THAT YOGA GIVES ME!!
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GREATEST POWER? WHAT IS THAT??
IT IS THE POWER OF MY MIND!! BY THINKING HARD... BY CONCENTRATING MY MENTAL ENERGY, I CAN THINK THINGS OUT OF EXISTENCE!!
YOU MEAN, MAKE THINGS VANISH?
EXACTLY!
NO!-- WHAT YOU CLAIM IS TOO FANTASTIC! NO MAN CAN MAKE THINGS DISAPPEAR!
I CAN! SHALL I PROVE IT TO YOU?
YES! PROVE IT IF YOU CAN!!
VERY WELL! OBSERVE THAT BUSH! IN MY MIND I SHALL DENY ITS EXISTENCE!! BEHOLD WHAT OCCURS!
FOR ME, THE BUSH DOES NOT EXIST ...IT IS NOT THERE.!!
MY MIND REFUSES TO ACCEPT ITS EXISTENCE!
THERE IS NOTHING THERE BUT EMPTINESS!
...EMPTINESS... EMPTINESS...
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IT--IT IS GONE!! YOU MADE IT DISAPPEAR--JUST AS YOU SAID YOU WOULD!!
IT IS SO!
WHY, IF I HAD SUCH POWER... IF I CONCENTRATED MY THOUGHTS... THEN I COULD MAKE THINGS VANISH, TOO!! HO! HO! HOW I COULD USE SUCH A DEVICE!!
"I COULD MAKE LOCKED DOORS DISAPPEAR..."
THE ENTRANCE IS UNSEALED ...UNSEALED...
"THEN IT WOULD BE SIMPLE FOR ME TO STEAL ALL THE GOLD AND GEMS I WANTED!"
ALL THIS TREASURE ...MINE!
NO! YOU MUST DISPEL SUCH THOUGHTS AT ONCE! IT IS FORBIDDEN TO USE THE POWER OF THE MIND FOR EVIL PURPOSES!
FORBIDDEN?! HAH! WHAT IS THAT TO ME?!! ALL MY LIFE I HAVE BEEN DOING THINGS THAT ARE FORBIDDEN... AND I SHALL NOT STOP NOW! HA! HA! HA!
GOODBYE, FOOL! THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME A FOOLPROOF METHOD OF EXECUTING PERFECT CRIMES!! HA HA!
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AS THE THIEF WALKED ON, THE LAMA STOOD SILENTLY, WATCHING, THINKING, PONDERING...
HIS HEART IS SINISTER! HE IS AN EVIL MAN! BUT NO, AS A LAMA, I HAVE BEEN TAUGHT THAT NOBODY IS REALLY EVIL!
THERE ARE NO TRULY BAD PEOPLE IN THE WORLD... HENCE, I COULD NOT HAVE ENCOUNTERED A BAD PERSON ON THIS ROAD! I ONLY THOUGHT I DID, BUT I MUST HAVE BEEN MISTAKEN!
HE WHO I THOUGHT WAS EVIL, DOES NOT REALLY EXIST...
HE CAN EXIST...
WHA...?
WHAT IS HAPPENING?? I--I AM DISAPPEARING!!
BUT HOW? WAIT, THE LAMA!! OH NO!! HE--HE...
THERE, IT IS DONE! I TOLD MYSELF THERE ARE NO EVIL PERSONS ON THE ROAD AND BEHOLD--THERE ARE NO EVIL PERSONS ON THE ROAD!
HOW NICE THE DAY HAS BECOME! I WONDER IF I SHALL MEET ANYONE ON MY JOURNEY?? I HOPE I SHALL, FOR I DO ENJOY THE COMPANY OF FELLOW TRAVELLERS!
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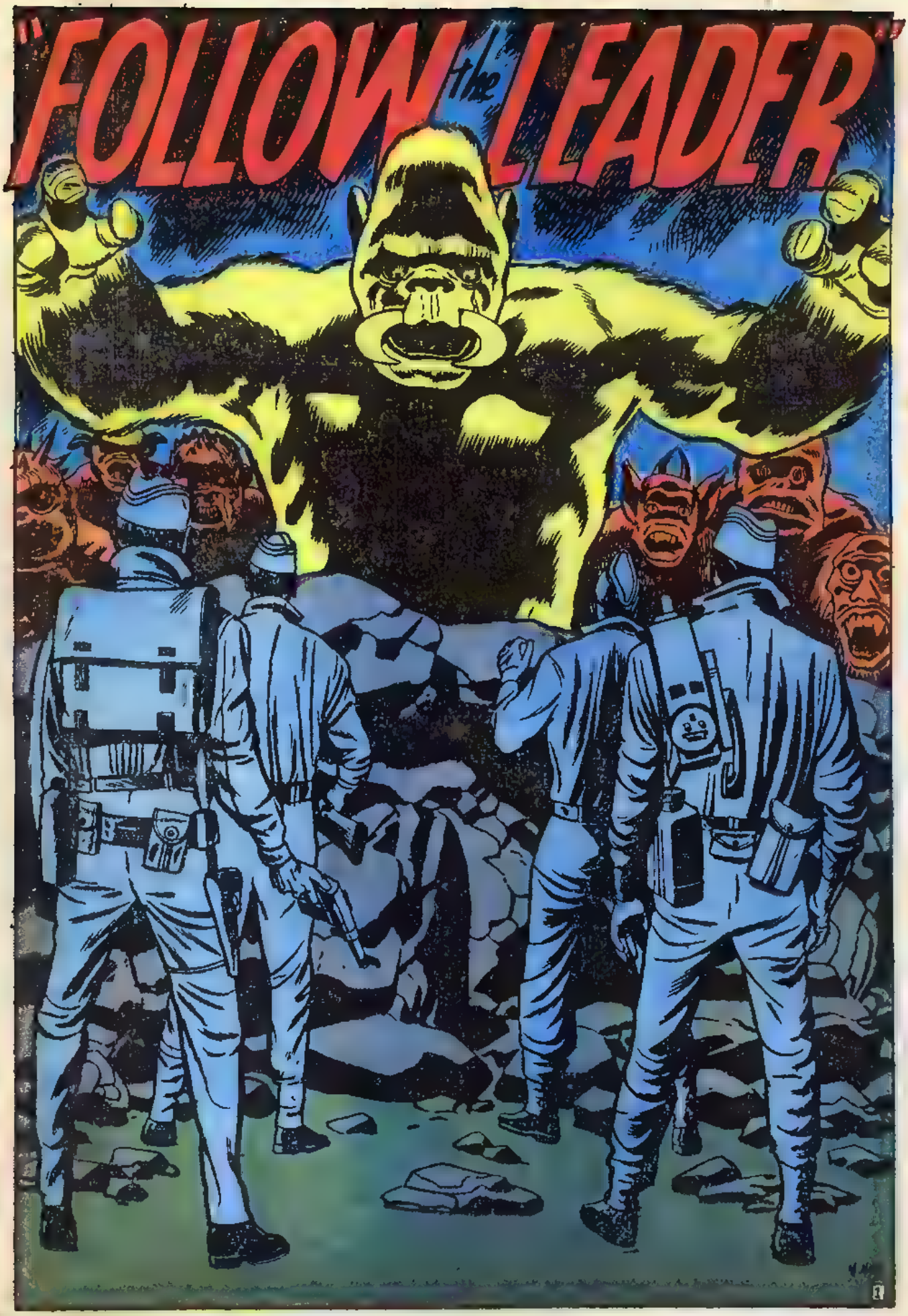
"FOLLOW the LEADER"

YOU ARE LOOKING AT A TYPICAL SCENE HERE IN THE 21ST CENTURY...
X-34 RETURNING FROM MARS!
WE'LL BE TRAVELING AT MAXIMUM SPEED! VENUS IS OUR FIRST STOP!
MY NAME IS PAUL LINDSEY! I AM A MEMBER OF ONE OF THE EXPLORER TEAMS EARTH SENDS OUT INTO THE VAST UNIVERSE!
THIS TRIP WE'LL LOOK OVER THE EASTERN SECTOR OF GALAXY 92!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, PAUL?
I'M WRITING A TREATISE ON ETHICAL BEHAVIOR IN THE UNIVERSE!
MAN, YOU'RE ALWAYS WORRIED ABOUT HOW WE ACT TOWARD ALIEN BEINGS! YOU SHOULD'VE BEEN A PHILOSOPHER INSTEAD OF AN EXPLORER!
THERE'S AN UNCHARTED WORLD UP AHEAD! THE INSTRUMENTS READ IT AS HAVING WATER AND OXYGEN!
THAT'S OUR BABY! PREPARE TO LAND!
AND SO, LIKE THE MANY TIMES BEFORE, WE LANDED, WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT WONDERS WE WOULD FIND--WHAT DANGERS WE WOULD ENCOUNTER!
SEEMS KINDA PRIMITIVE TO ME!
INHABITED ONLY BY SMALL ANIMALS!
LET'S SEE WHAT'S BEYOND THOSE PEAKS--
JUDGING FROM THE ROCK FORMATIONS, I'D SAY THE PLACE IS RICH IN MINERALS!
STRANGE, WITH ALL THESE CONDITIONS TO SUPPORT LIFE, YOU'D THINK THERE'D BE LARGER ANIMALS AROUND!
SUDDENLY--
LOOK OUT!!
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WHEW! THAT BOULDER ALMOST GOT US!
BUT HOW--WHERE DID IT COME FROM??
LOOK!! UP THERE!!
...AND OVER THERE!!
GIANT BEASTS!!
THEY'RE ALL OVER THE MOUNTAIN!
AND THAT ONE--HE'S LARGER! FIERCER-LOOKING THAN THE OTHERS!!
HE SEEMS TO BE THEIR LEADER!!
LOOK OUT! THEY'RE TOSSING THOSE BOULDERS AGAIN!
WE DON'T STAND A CHANCE IN THIS PASS!
RUN!!
WE'RE OUT OF RANGE NOW!
LOOK, THE LEADER OF THE BEASTS IS TURNING! HE'S GOING AWAY!
AND ALL THE OTHERS ARE FOLLOWING HIM!
GUESS WE'RE SAFE! AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING!
WE RETURNED TO THE SHIP AND UNLOADED ONE OF OUR SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS! THEN WE GOT TO WORK!
REMARKABLE HOW THIS GIZMO SUCKS IN ALL THE FLOWERS AND SOIL!
IN A FEW MINUTES IT'LL HAVE THEM THOROUGHLY ANALYZED!!
IN A COUPLE OF DAYS WE'LL KNOW AS MUCH ABOUT THIS PLANET AS IF WE'D LIVED HERE ALL OUR LIVES!
BUT, JUST THEN...
HEY! WHAT GIVES WITH THE SMALL ANIMALS? THEY LOOK SCARED STIFF!
SOMETHING MUST BE CHASING THEM!
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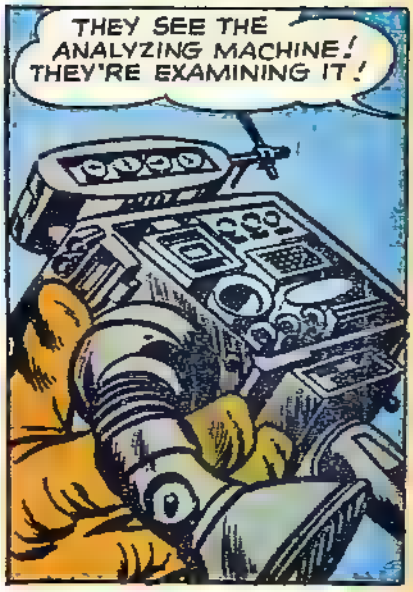
IT'S THE GIANT BEASTS!!
THE LEADER'S HEADING THEM THIS WAY!!

NO TIME TO RUN!
QUICK--HIDE IN THE GRASS!!
DON'T FIRE YOUR BLASTERS UNLESS YOU HAVE TO!

TENSELY, FEARFULLY, WE WATCHED AS THE LUMBERING BRUTES CAME CLOSER AND CLOSER...

... AND CLOSER ...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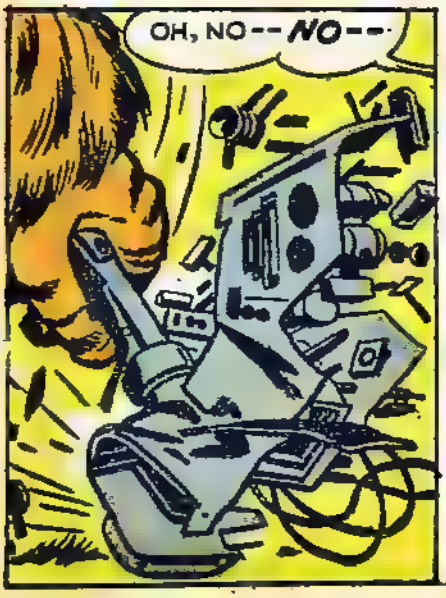
OH, NO--NO--

THEY'VE GONE!
YES, BUT THEY DESTROYED OUR MACHINE!
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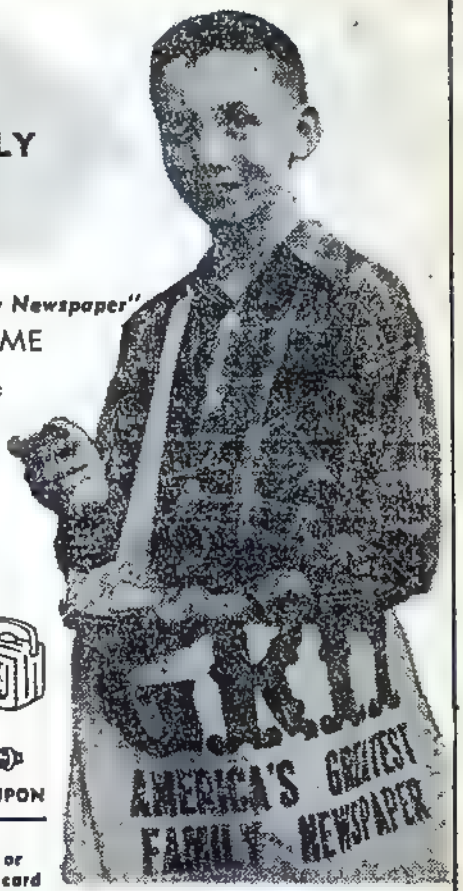


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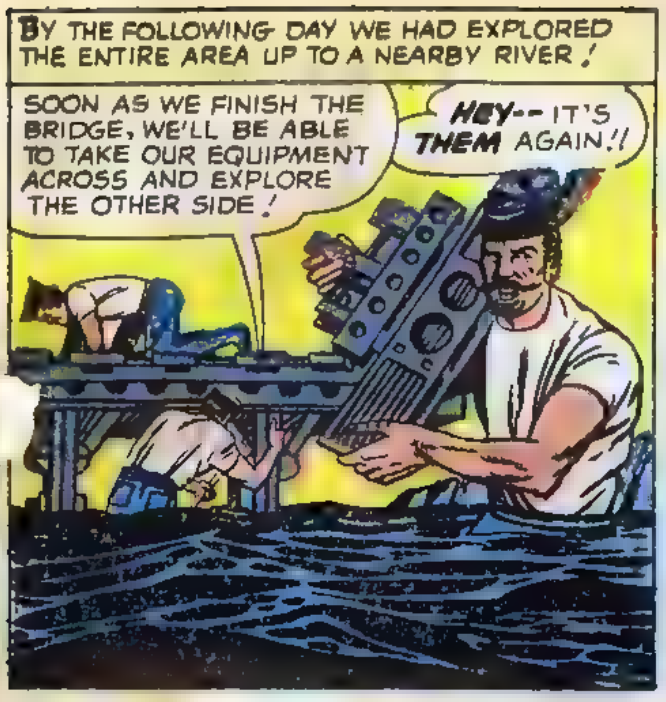
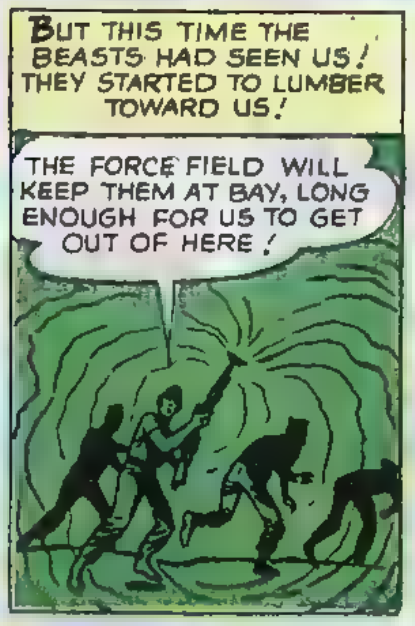
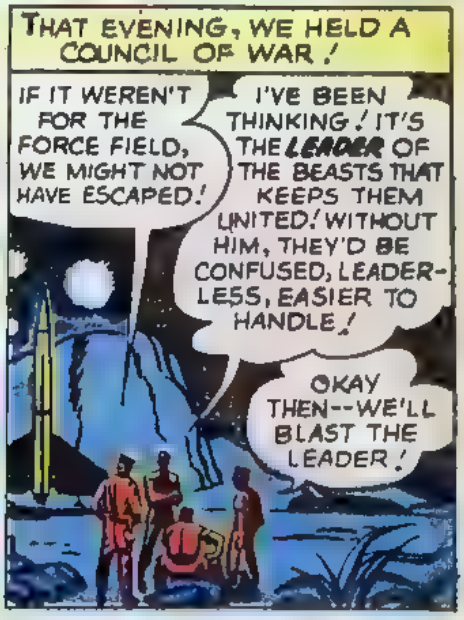

BY THE FOLLOWING DAY WE HAD EXPLORED THE ENTIRE AREA UP TO A NEARBY RIVER!
SOON AS WE FINISH THE BRIDGE, WE'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE OUR EQUIPMENT ACROSS AND EXPLORE THE OTHER SIDE!
HEY-- IT'S THEM AGAIN!!

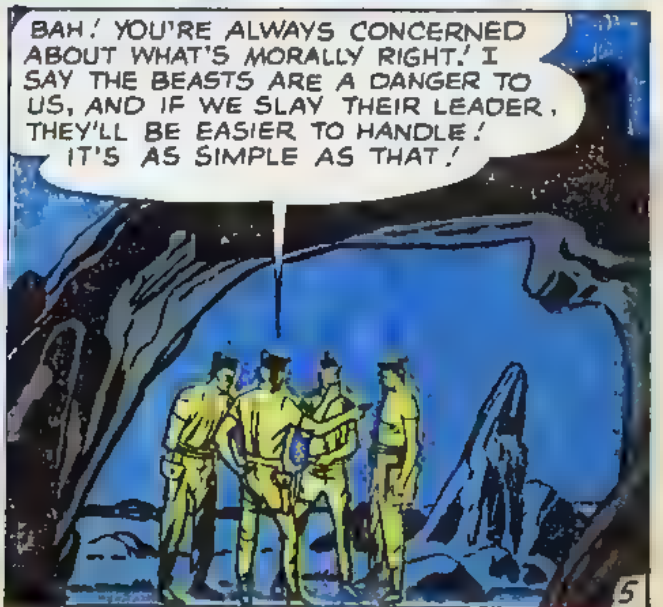
THE BIG BEAST HAS LED THE OTHERS INTO THE RIVER!
THEY'RE ALL SWIMMING DOWNSTREAM!

LOOK OUT--
JUMP!!
CRASH


BUT THIS TIME THE BEASTS HAD SEEN US! THEY STARTED TO LUMBER TOWARD US!
THE FORCE FIELD WILL KEEP THEM AT BAY, LONG ENOUGH FOR US TO GET OUT OF HERE!


THAT EVENING, WE HELD A COUNCIL OF WAR!
IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE FORCE FIELD, WE MIGHT NOT HAVE ESCAPED!
I'VE BEEN THINKING! IT'S THE LEADER OF THE BEASTS THAT KEEPS THEM UNITED! WITHOUT HIM, THEY'D BE CONFUSED, LEADERLESS, EASIER TO HANDLE!
OKAY THEN--WE'LL BLAST THE LEADER!

BUT THEN I GAVE MY POINT OF VIEW!
NO! WE'RE INTRUDERS ON THIS PLANET! AS SUCH, WE HAVE NO RIGHT TO UPSET THE ORDER OF THINGS! IF WE DON'T LIKE THE WAY THINGS ARE HERE, WE CAN LEAVE!


BAH! YOU'RE ALWAYS CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT'S MORALLY RIGHT! I SAY THE BEASTS ARE A DANGER TO US, AND IF WE SLAY THEIR LEADER, THEY'LL BE EASIER TO HANDLE! IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT!
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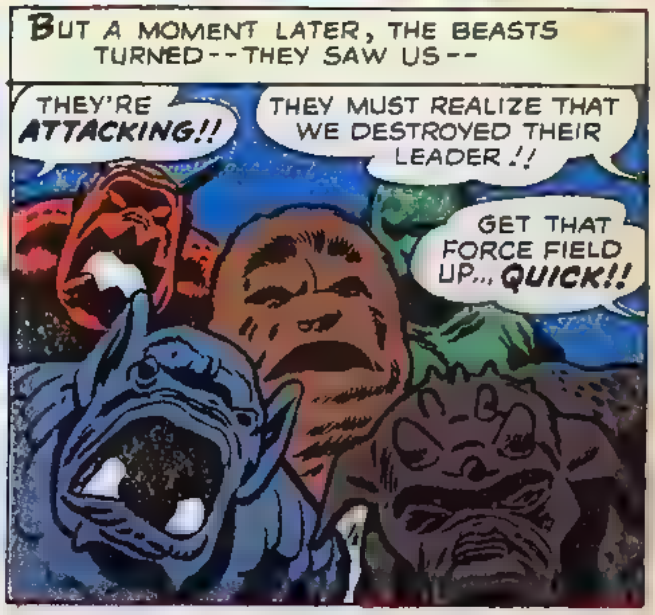
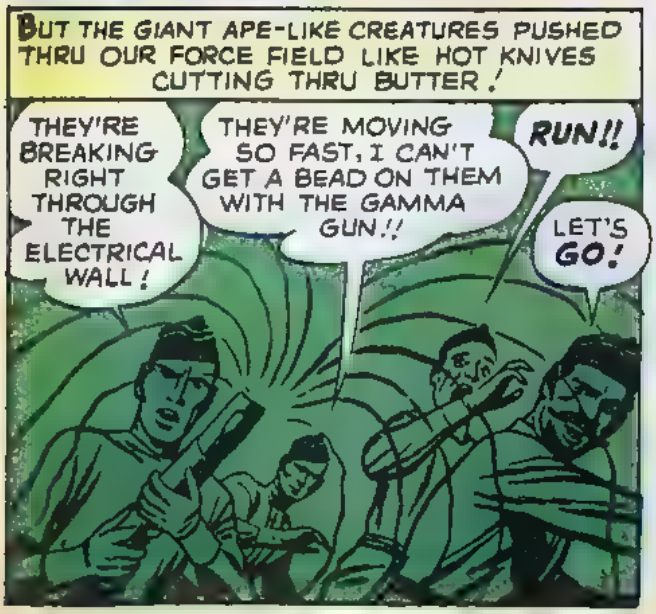
WELL, WE'VE TAKEN A VOTE...AND WE'RE ALL IN FAVOR OF DESTROYING THE BEAST LEADER, EXCEPT YOU, PAUL! GUESS YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?!
YEAH, MAJORITY RULES...

THE FOLLOWING DAY WE TRACKED THE GIANT BEASTS TO A REMOTE FOREST...
THERE THEY ARE--RESTING!
IT'LL TAKE ONLY ONE BURST OF GAMMA RAYS TO FINISH HIM OFF!

LIKE A THUNDERCLAP, THE BLAST OF ELECTRO MAGNETIC ENERGY SHATTERED THE SILENCE!
YOU GOT HIM!!
CRACK

THE OTHER BEASTS ARE BEWILDERED! THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO MAKE OF IT!
WITHOUT THEIR LEADER, THEY WON'T BOTHER US!


BUT A MOMENT LATER, THE BEASTS TURNED--THEY SAW US--
THEY'RE ATTACKING!!
THEY MUST REALIZE THAT WE DESTROYED THEIR LEADER!!
GET THAT FORCE FIELD UP... QUICK!!


BUT THE GIANT APE-LIKE CREATURES PUSHED THRU OUR FORCE FIELD LIKE HOT KNIVES CUTTING THRU BUTTER!
THEY'RE BREAKING RIGHT THROUGH THE ELECTRICAL WALL!
THEY'RE MOVING SO FAST, I CAN'T GET A BEAD ON THEM WITH THE GAMMA GUN!!
RUN!!
LET'S GO!

BRUSHING ASIDE EVERYTHING IN THEIR PATH, YANKING TREES OUT OF THE VERY GROUND, THE ENRAGED MONSTERS PURSUED US WITHOUT MERCY!
THEY WERE NEVER THIS FIERCE BEFORE!!
THEY'RE LIKE ANGRY DEMONS!

WITH NIGHTMARISH FURY, THE VENGEFUL GIANTS SMASHED AND SHATTERED ALL THAT LAY BETWEEN THEM AND THEIR QUARRY...
THEY'RE GAINING ON US!!
THERE'S THE SHIP!! WE'LL MAKE IT! WE'VE GOT TO!!
PREPARE TO BLAST OFF--WHILE I GIVE 'EM ONE LAST VOLLEY!
THEY'RE STILL ROARING--AND HURLING THOSE BOULDERS!! THEIR FIERCENESS IS BEYOND BELIEF!!
THAT'S IT!! WE'RE SAFELY OUT OF RANGE!
BOY!! THAT WAS TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT!
BEFORE WE LEAVE, LET'S MAKE A PASS OVER THE DEAD LEADER AND PICK HIM UP ON THE VIDEO-SCOPE! AT LEAST WE'LL GET A PICTURE OF HIM TO TAKE BACK!
BUT WHEN WE PEERED INTO THE VIDEO-SCOPE, WE GOT NOT ONLY A PICTURE, BUT THE SURPRISE OF OUR LIVES!
HE WAS A--A ROBOT!!
HE WAS THERE TO CONTROL THE BEASTS--TO KEEP THEM FROM GOING ON THE RAMPAGE!
THAT'S WHY THE BEASTS WENT MAD--WE DESTROYED THE ONE THING THAT WAS HOLDING THEM IN CHECK!
WHAT FOOLS WE WERE! ALL OF US!..EXCEPT PAUL!
WE MAY HAVE BEEN BIGGER FOOLS THAN WE THINK!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, PAUL?
I MEAN THAT SOME INTELLIGENCE PUT THAT ROBOT THERE! WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WHEN HE LEARNS WHAT WE'VE DONE?
THAT QUESTION STILL HAS NOT BEEN ANSWERED! BUT NONE OF THOSE FOUR CREWMEN HAVE SINCE BEEN ABLE TO SLEEP SOUNDLY WITHOUT FIRST LOOKING AT THE SKY AND WONDERING--AND FEARING--
The END

# TRICKY TRAVEL

IT was unbelievable to hear Eli Twiddle tell his customers at the Travel bureau about the wonders of vacationlands the world over . . . unbelievable to hear him and not think that Eli Twiddle was an experienced traveler! He made the marvels of foreign travel come to life as he described with enthusiasm the rich tapestries one might find in India, the majestic mountains of Switzerland, or the mystery of the western desert in our own U.S.A.

Eli smiled wistfully when the excited customers walked away after telling him to book their trip. Lucky people, Eli thought restlessly. If only *he* were able to get away from the office instead of just reading about far-off places. Oh, someday he would choose a special trip just for himself!

He was quite good about advising other people on this problem, but that didn't help him to figure out what he would like to see best. There were so many places to go, so many things to do. Dear me, Eli moaned, it was just as well that he couldn't afford a vacation right now, because he would never be able to make up his mind about what to do.

Each night, Eli Twiddle went home to his little room and read a book and looked at pictures of another place. Then, he would fall asleep and dream that he was in Paris or London or Alaska. When the next morning came, he would check this place off his list and resolve that when his vacation time came, he would eliminate the place he had dreamed about.

The reason for this was very simple. Twiddle dreamed so realistically that he actually had the feeling of having been to the places! No point, he decided, in re-visiting territory that was already familiar to him. For a little while, this plan pleased him. It was, indeed, an inexpensive way to make a world tour.

The months passed, and the more Eli read and dreamed, the more gifted he seemed to become in describing places for his customers to visit. But a very sad thing happened. Instead of taking a real interest in his work, Eli was becoming bored. He was no longer fascinated with his job. Even his urge to get away and see something different seemed to have vanished.

"You've exhausted every corner of the world worth dreaming about," Eli scolded himself. "Soon, you will be able to go on your own vacation and you haven't the slightest inclination to take off! There's only one solution. You must stop dreaming of these places in such detail!"

Eli Twiddle tried this as a remedy, but it didn't work. As soon as his head touched the pillow he would find himself riding a rickshaw down the crooked streets of Hong Kong or jogging along on top of a camel in Egypt.

The night after he dreamed about being in Egypt, he woke up to find himself wearing a fez with a long tassle! When he looked in the mirror and found this hat, native to Egypt, sitting on his head, he could hardly believe his eyes.

"Dear me," he wailed, in his high, piping voice, "I've begun to imagine things! I can't be wearing a fez for real! How can anyone bring back souvenirs from a *dream* trip?"

He reassured himself that this was all very silly . . . that it was purely his imagination. He couldn't be wearing the pot-like hat and tassle for the simple reason that he'd never owned one . . . except in his dream.

He skipped off to work, said a cheery Good Morning to Mr. Hardy, his boss at the travel bureau, and busied himself with his first customer of the day. When the man asked him about booking a trip to Egypt, Eli obliged him by telling him the details of climate, scenery, and people there. He spoke knowingly of the pyramids. By the time lunchtime came, at least a dozen customers had asked for reservation to Egypt. Eli whistled cheerfully and thought it was a coincidence, until Mr. Hardy took him aside.

"That hat you're wearing seems to have put everyone in the mood to see Egypt," Mr. Hardy commented suspiciously. "Now, look here, Twiddle, I

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like the way you've been selling the customers for us, but I prefer to conduct my business on a more conservative basis. I don't like to see one of our distinguished salesmen come to work in a rig like you're wearing. I suggest you begin your vacation day after tomorrow and get a new slant on things. You're taking your work too seriously!"

Suddenly, Eli looked down at his clothing and gulped. Sure enough, not only was the hat-like-a-pot sitting on his head, but he also had on the flowing robes of a caravan trader.

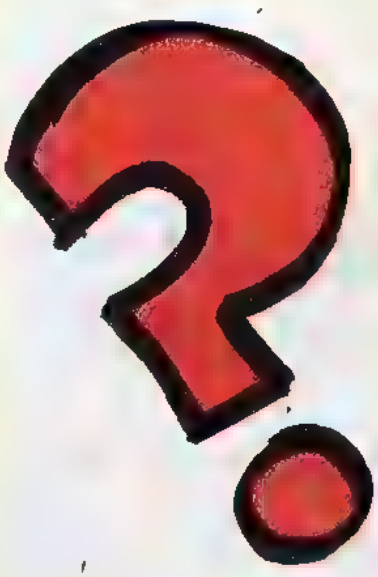
"I . . . I'm awfully sorry," he sputtered. "I can't understand how it happened, Mr. Hardy."

"Well, the next time you go to a costume party, please change before you come into work," Mr. Hardy advised. "And see what you can do about selling customers on the tropical cruises. We're short of bookings on that territory."

Eli tried, but that day everyone took one look at him and went away longing to visit Egypt. They wouldn't have it any other way! He had one day left now before he was to go on his vacation, and he determined to do his job dressed appropriately for Mr. Hardy. That night, however, he dreamed about cruising to Jamaica. When he awoke he found a lei of tropical flowers hanging around his neck. He took it off and dressed carefully in a quiet black suit to go to work. Mr. Hardy did not come into the office until noon, and by that time Eli Twiddle had sold every customer who walked in a cruise to Jamaica! He smiled proudly at Mr. Hardy when he showed up, but Mr. Hardy's mouth fell open with a gasp when he saw Eli.

"Great Grasshoppers!" he shouted. "Man, don't tell me you've been standing there selling trips without any clothes on!"

Eli Twiddle looked at himself and blushed. All that he was wearing, it seemed, was the skirt of a jungle dancer. His neat black suit had disappeared and instead of a striped tie, the tropical flowers were again around his neck. He blushed and fainted.



When he came to, the doctor that Mr. Hardy called was leaning over him.

"Just a case of travelitis," the doctor said knowingly. "The lad is so anxious to visit all these places, that he's been believing himself there and dresses in the native costume of each place he fancies himself at."

"You've been working too hard," Mr. Hardy grumbled good-naturedly. "You take your vacation, Eli, and don't come back until you have both feet on the ground."

*"Both feet on the ground,"* thought Eli, "Without knowing it, Mr. Hardy and the doctor have struck at only part of the truth. My flights of fancy have *actually* transported me to all the places I dreamed about. The only cure for me is taking my vacation at *home.*"

Fortunately, Mr. Hardy had found Eli's black suit hanging on the clothes tree in the back of the store. Eli put it on, then took a bus to go home. When he entered his little room, he suddenly noticed how nice everything looked. It was quite a comfortable place, he thought warmly. He looked out the window and saw the kids playing happily on the street. The landlady's daughter was sitting there and she waved up at him.

Eli Twiddle waved back and skipped downstairs to talk with her. They had a lovely chat, and he took her to the movies. That night when he came home, he slept peacefully.

"I guess I'm cured of that travel bug now that I've begun to sink roots where I really belong," he said happily.

A year later, he married the landlady's daughter, and they enjoyed a pleasant life together. It was only recently that Eli Twiddle recalled the strange talent he had for dreaming himself off to foreign places. It was when his wife complained that their two little boys had come to breakfast each morning dressed in strange suits with huge plastic globes around their heads.

Eli Twiddle sighed.

"Well, I guess a few trips to the moon can't do them any harm," he told her. "They'll grow out of it in due time, dear. You know *I* did."

Eventually, we *all* do.

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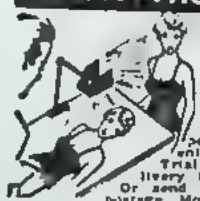

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AS SOON AS I'M TAKEN OUT OF THIS JOINT, I'M DUE FOR THE CHAIR! I GOTTA GET 'EM TO KEEP ME HERE... I JUST GOTTA!
IF ONLY I COULD ESCAPE!! IF ONLY I WAS NEAR THE WINDOW! BUT I CAN'T EVEN SEE THRU THE BLAMED WINDOW FROM HERE!
HEY, YOU! HOW'S THE VIEW TODAY?
SAME AS ALWAYS, KRANE!
IT'S BEAUTIFUL! ROLLING HILLS... CLEAR SKIES... A BRIGHT SUN! BEAUTIFUL!
YEAH? KEEP TALKIN', GRAMPS!
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TOO BAD THERE'S BARS ON THE WINDOW, HUH, GRAMPS? IT'S A CRYIN' SHAME!
BARS? THERE ARE NO BARS ON THIS WINDOW!
NO BARS!!
WELL, WELL, NOW AIN'T THAT INTERESTIN'!
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LATER...
KRANE, ALL YOUR TESTS ARE COMPLETELY NEGATIVE! YOU WILL BE SENT BACK TO YOUR CELL IN DEATH'S ROW IN THE MORNING!
NOW AIN'T THAT NICE.
THAT GIVES ME JUST ONE NIGHT... TONIGHT--TO BREAK OUT OF HERE! GETTIN' THRU THAT WINDOW WITHOUT BARS OUGHTTA BE A CINCH!
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B-BUT YOU CAN'T!! YOU MUSTN'T!!
COME BACK! YOU MUST COME BACK!
WAIT!!
IF YOU THINK I'M TAKIN' AN OLD SCARECROW LIKE YOU WITH ME, YOU'RE BATTY!
I GOT NO TIME FOR ANYONE BUT JOE KRANE!
HEY! WHAT'S THE NOISE IN HERE??
IT'S KRANE! STOP HIM!
KRANE?? WHERE IS HE?
THE CRUMMY SQUEALER! I SHOULDA SHUT HIM UP PERMANENT WHILE I HAD THE CHANCE!
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BUT I'M OUT, NOW! THEY'LL NEVER FIND ME IN THIS DARKNESS... NEVER!
I--I TRIED TO STOP HIM... BUT I COULDN'T!
WELL, HE ALWAYS SWORE HE'D ESCAPE FROM HERE, AND IT LOOKS LIKE HE DID!
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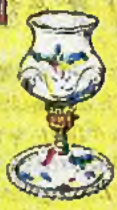

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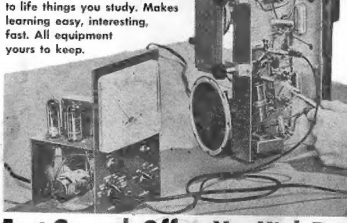

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